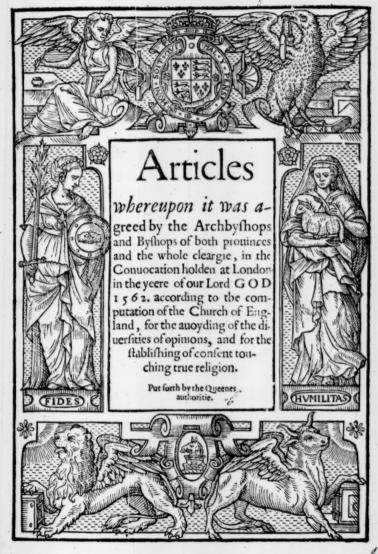
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Of faith in the holy

Trinitie.



Here is but one living and true God, everlatting, without body, parts, or pattions, of infinite power, withome, and goodnes, the maker and preferuer of all things both visible a invisible. And in unitie of this Godhead there be three persons, of one

hibstance, power, acternitie, the father, the sonne, and the holy Bhost.

2 Of the word or sonne of God which

was made very man.

De Sonne, which is the worde of the father, the begotten from everlasting of the father, the bery and eternall God, of one substance with the father, tooke mans nature in the wombe of the blessed Airgin, of her substance: so that two whole a perfect natures, that is to lap, the Godhead and manhood, were isyned together in one per n, neuer to be divided, whereof is one Chist, b. God and bery man, who truely suffered, was crucised, dead, and buryed, to reconcile his father to be, and to be a sacrisce, not onely for oxiginall gylt, but also so all actuall sinnes of men.

A.ii.

3 Of

3 Of the going downe of Christ

A also it is to be believed that he went down into hell.

4 Of the Refurrection of Christ.

This did truely arise agains from death, and tooks agains his body, with field, bones, a all things appertaining to the perfection of mas nature, where with he ascended into heaven, there sitteth, butil he returns to judge all me at y last day.

Of the holy Ghost.

Theholy ghost, proceeding fro the father athe sonne, is of one substace, maichie a glory, with the father and the sonne, very acternal God.

6 Of the sufficiencie of the holy Scrip-

Fary to faluation: so that whatsoever is not reade therein, nor may be proved thereby, is not to be required of any man, that it shoulde be believed as an article of the faith, or be thought requisite necessarie to saluation. In the name of the holy Scripture, we doe understande those Canonical bookes of the olde and newe Testament, of whose authoritie was never any doubt in the Church.

Of the names and number of the Canonicall Bookes.

Genefis. Exodus. Leuiticus. Numeri. Deuteronomium. Iofue. Judges. Ruth.

The 1.booke of Samuel. The 2.booke of Samuel. The 1.booke of Kings. The 2. booke of Kings.

The 1.booke of Chroni. The 2, booke of Chroni. The 1.booke of Eldras. The 2.booke of Efdras. The booke of Hester. The booke of lob. The Pfalmes. The Prouerbes. Ecclesia, or preacher. Cantica, or fongs of Sa. 4. Prophets the greater.

12. Prophets the leffe.

And the other books (as Hicromefaith) the Church doeth reade for example of life and instruction of maners: but pet doth it not applie them to establish any doctrine. Such are thefe following.

The third booke of Esdras, Baruch, the Prophet. The fourth book of Eldras. Song of the 3. children. The booke of Tobias. The booke of Iudith. The rest of the booke of Hester.

The booke of Wisdome. Iefus the fonne of Sirach.

The storie of Susanna. Of Beland the Dragon. The prayer of Manasses. The 1, booke of Machab. The 2, booke of Machab.

All the bookes of the Dewe Testament, as they are commonly received, we doe receive and accompt them for Canonicall.

A.iii.

7 Of the olde Testament.

The old Testamet is not contrary to the new, for both in the olde and new testament enersating life is offered to mankind by Christ, who is the oney mediatour betweene God a man, being both God a man. wherfore they are not to be heard which faine that the olde fathers did looke only for transtonic promises. Although the law given from God by Moyles, as touching ceremonies a rites, doe not binde Chrystian men, nor the civile precepts therefought of necessitie to be received in any common wealth: yet not with standing, no Christian ma whatsoever, is free from the obcdience of the commundements, which are called morals.

8 Of the three Creedes.

The three Credes, Aicene Crede, Athanasius Crede, and that which is commonly called the Apostles Creede ought throughly to be received and beleeved: for they may be proved by most certaine warrants of holy scripture.

9 Of originall or birth sinne.

Riginall tinne standeth not in the following of Adam (as the Pelagians doe vainly take) but it is the fault a couruption of the nature of every man, that naturally is engendeed of the ofspring of Adam, whereby man is very farre gone from oxiginall righteournes, and is of his owne nature

ture enclined to enill, so that the self lusteth alwayes contrary to the spirit, and therefore in energy person bounc into this woulde, it deserveth Gods whath a damnation. And this infection of nature doeth remaine, yea in them that are regenerated, whereby the lust of the sleshe, called in Grecke of the sentualitie, somethe affection, some the desire of the slesh, is not subject to the lawe of God. And although there is no condemnation for them that believe and are baptized: yet the Apostle doth consesse that concupisence and lust hath of it selfe the nature of sinne.

10 Of free will.

The condition of man after the fall of Adam is fuch, that he can not turne and prepare himself by his owne naturall frength a good works, to faith and calling byon God: wherefore we have no power to do good works pleasant and acceptable to God, without & grace of God by Christ presuenting bs, that we may have a good will, working with bs, when we have that good will.

Of the instification of man.

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Care accompted righteous before God, onely for the merite of our Lord Flautonr Jelus Christ, by faith, and not for our own Miss.

workes or deferuings. no herefore, that we are inftified by faith onely, is a most wholesome doctrine, & very full of comfort, as more largely is expressed in the homilie of instification.

12

Of good workes.

A Lbeit that good workes, which are the fruites of faith, and follow after instification, can not put away our finnes, and endure the feueritie of Gods indgement: pet are they pleating and acceptable to Godin Chrift, a do fpring out necessari= ly of a true and lively faith, in so much that by them a lively faith may be as evidently knowen, as a tree discerned by the fruite.

Of workes before instification.

Dikes done before the grace of Chilk and the inspiration of his spirite, are not pleased. fant to God, foralmuch as they furing not of faith in Telu Chrift, neither do they make men meete to receive grace, or (as the schole aucthours (ay) Deferue grace of congruitie: yea rather for that they are not done as God bath willed and commaunded them to be done, we doubt not but they have the nature of finne.

Of workes of Supererogation.

Dluntary workes belides, ouer aboue Gods commaundements, which they call workes of fupererogation, can not be taught without arrogancie

rogancie and impietie. For by them men do declare that they do not onely render onto God as much as they are bound to do, but that they doe more for his fake then of bounden ductie is required: whereas Christ faith plainly, when ye have done all that are commaded to you, say, we be unprofitable servats.

15 Of Christ alone without sinne.

like but o be in all things (finne onely except) from which he was clearely boyde, both in his fielh and in his spirit. He came to be the lambe without spot, who by sacrifice of him selfe once made, should take away the sinnes of the world: and sinne (as S. John saith) was not in him. But all we the rest, (although baptized, and bonne again in Christ) yet offende in many things, and if we say we have no sinne, we deceive our selves, and the trueth is not in bs.

16 Of sinne after Baptisme.

After baptisme, is sinne against the holy Ghost, and bupardonable. Wherefore, the graunt of repentance is not to be denyed to such as fall into sinne after baptisme. After we have received the holy Ghost, we may depart from grace given, and fall into sinne, and by the grace of God (we may) arise againe, and amend our lives. And theres B.i. fore,

foze, they are to be condemned, which say they can no moze sinne as long as they live here, oz denie the place of fozgivenes to such as truely repent.

17 Of predestination and election.

Diedeffination to life, is the enerlasting purpose of God, whereby (before the fundations of the worlde were land)he hath conftantly Decreed by his counsel secret to be, to deliver from curse and Damnation, those whome he bath chosen in Chaist out of mankinde, and to bring them by Christ to e= uerlasting saluation, as bessels made to honour. noherefore they which be indued with so excellent a benefite of God, be called according to Gods purpose by his spirite working in due season: they through grace obey the calling: they bee instified freely: they be made fonnes of God by adoption: they be made like the image of his onely begotten fonne Telus Christ: they walke religiously in good workes, and at length by Gods mercy, they attaine to cuerlastina felicitie.

As the godly consideration of predestination and our election in Christ, is full of weete, pleasant, and buspeakeable comfort to godly persons, and such as feele in the sclues the working of the spirit of Christ, mortifying the workes of the field, and their earthly members, and drawing by their minde to high the heavenly things, as well because it doth greatly establish and confirme their faith of eternal scluation to be enjoyed through Christ, as because it doth fer-

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uently kindle their love towards God: So, for curious a carnal persons, lacking & spirit of Chailt, to have continually before their eyes the sentence of Gods predestination, is a most dangerous downerall, whereby the deuil doth thaust them either into desperation, or into rechelesses of most uncleane living, no less persons the desperation.

Furthermoze, we must receive Gods promises in such wife, as they be generally set forth to be in holy seripture: and in our doings, that will of God is to be followed, which we have expessly declared bu-

to be in the word of God.

18 Of obtaining eternall saluation, onely by the name of Christ.

Total, that every man shalbe saved by the law of sect which he professeth, so that he be diliget to frame his life according to that law, a the light of nature. For holy Scripture docth set out unto us only the name of Jesus Christ, whereby men must be saved.

19 Of the Church.

The visible thurch of Christ, is a congregation of faithful men, in the which the pure worde of God is preached, and the Sacraments be duly ministred, according to Christes ordinance, in all those things & of necessitie are requisite to the same.

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As the Church of Hierusalem, Alexandria, and Antioche have erred: so also the Church of Rome hath erred, not only in their living and maner of ceremonies, but also in matters of faith.

20 Of the authoritie of the Church.

The Church hath power to decree Rites of Ceremonies, and authoritie in controverlies of faith: And yet it is not lawfull for the Church to ordaine any thing that is cotrary to Gods word written, neither may it so expoud one place of scripture, that it be repugnant to another. Wherefore, although the Church be a witnesse a keeper of holy writ: yet, as it ought not to decree any thing against the same, so besides the same, ought it not to enforce any thing to be believed for necessitie of saluation.

21 Of the authoritie of general Counsels.

Ther without the commandement and will of princes. And when they be gathered together (foralinuch as they be an allemblie of men, whereof all be not governed with the spirit a worde of God) they may erre, a sometime have erred, eve in things perteining but o God. Wherefore, things ordeined by them as necessary to saluation, have neither strength nor authoritie, but sle it may be declared that they be taken out of holy Scripture.

22 Of Purgatorie.

The Romish doctrine cocerning purgatory, pardons, worshipping a adoration as well of imaacs

ges, as of reliques, also invocation of Saints, is a fond thing, vainly invented, and grounded upon no warrantie of scripture, but rather repugnant to the word of God.

23 Of ministring in the congregation.

It is not lawful for any man to take boon him the office of publike preaching, or ministring the Sacraments in the congregation, before he be lawfully called a sent to execute the same. And those we ought to indge lawfully called a sent, which be chosen a called to this worke by men who have publike authoritic given but o them in the congregation, to call and send ministers into the Lordes bineyarde.

24. Of speaking in the congregation, in fuch a tongue as the people vnderstandeth.

Tis a thing plainly repugnant to p word of God, athe cultome of the primitive church, to have publike prayer in the church, or to minister p Sacraments in a tongue not buderstanded of the people.

25 Of the Sacraments.

Sacraments ordeined of Christ, be not only badges or tokens of Christian mensprofession: but
rather they be certaine sure witness reflectuall signes of grace thods good will towardes bs,
by the which he both worke invisibly in bs, a docth
not only queken, but also strengthen and consirme
our fayth in him.

There are two Sacraments ordeined of Christ 23.iii. our

our Lorde in the Gospel, that is to say, Baptisme, a

the Supper of the Lord.

Those five commonly called Sacraments, that is to say, Confirmation, Denance, Orders, Watrimonic, and extreme Tuction, are not to be compted for Sacraments of the Gospell, being such as have growen partly of the corrupt following of the Apotles, partly are states of life alowed in p seriptures: but yet have not like nature of Sacraments with Baptisme a the Lords Supper, for y they have not any visible signe or ceremonic ordened of God.

The Sacraments were not ordeined of Christ to be gased byon, or to be carried about: but that we should duely vie them. And in such only, as worthing receive the same, they have a wholesome effect or operation: But they that receive them be worthing, purchase to them selves damnation, as S. Paul

fayth.

26 Of the unworthinesse of the ministers, which hinder not the effect of the Sacraments.

Athough in the vilible Church the evil be ever mingled with the good, and sometime the evil have chiefe authoritie in the ministration of the word Sacraments: yet foral much as they do not the same in their own name but in Christs, a do minister by his commission a authority, we may vie their ministerie, both in hearing the word of God, a in the receiving of the Sacraments. Peither is the effect of Christs ordinance taken away by their wickednes, nor the grace of Gods gifts diminished fro such

fuch as by faith and rightly do receive the Sacraments ministred buto them, which be effectual, because of Christes institution and promise, although

they be ministred by euil men.

Deuerthelesse, it appertaineth to the discipline of p Church, that inquirie be made of euil ministers, and that they be accused by those that have knowledge of their offences: and finally, being found gilty by just judgement, be deposed.

27 Of Baptisme.

Partime is not only aligne of professio, a marke of difference, whereby Christian men are discrened from other that be not christened: but it is also a signe of regeneration or new byth, whereby as by an instrument, they freezine baptisme rightly, are grafted into the Church: the promises of the forginencise of sinne, and of our adoption to be the sonnes of God, by the holy ghost, are visibly signed and sealed: faith is confirmed: and grace increased by bettue of prayer buto God. The baptisme of yong children, is in any wise to be retained in the Church, as most agreeable with the institution of Christ.

28 Of the Lordes Supper.

The Supper of the Lorde, is not onely aligne of the love that Christians ought to have among them selves one to another: but rather it is a Sacrament of our redemption by Christes death. Insomuch that to such as rightly, worthily,

and with faith receive the same, the bread which we breake is a partaking of the body of Christ, and likewise the cup of of bieding, is a partaking of the

blood of Chuft.

Cransubstantiation (or the change of the substance of bread and wine) in the Supper of the Lord, can not be proued by holy writ: but is repugnant to the plaine words of Scripture, overthroweth the nature of a Sacrament, and hath given octasion to many superstitions.

The body of Chailt is given, taken, and eaten in the Supper onely after an heavenly and spirituall maner: And the means whereby the body of Chailt is received a eaten in the Supper, is faith.

The Sacrament of the Lordes Supper was not by Christes ordinance reserved, carred about,

lyfted up,or worthipped.

29 Of the wicked which doe not eate the body of Christ in the vse of the Lordes Supper.

The wicked, and such as be boyde of a lively faith, although they doe carnally and visibly presse with their teeth (as Saint Augustine sayeth) the Sacrament of the body and blood of Christ: yet in no wyse are they partakers of Christ, but rather to their condemnation do eat and drinke the signe or Sacrament of so great a thing.

30 Of both kindes.

The cuppe of the Lorde is not to be denyed to the lay people. For both the parts of the Lords Sacra-

Sacrament, by Christes ordinance and commandement ought to be ministed to all Christian men alike.

31 Of the one oblation of Christ sinished vpon the Crosse.

The offring of Chailt once made, is that perfect redemption, propiciation, and latisfaction for all the sinnes of the whole world, both original and actuall, and there is none other latisfaction for sinne, but that alone. Wherefore the sacrifices of Masses, in the which it was commonly sayde that the Priestes did offer Chailt for the quicke and the dead, to have remission of paine or gylt, were blashemous fables, and dangerous deceites.

32 Of the mariage of Priestes.

Dishops, Driefts, Deacons, are not commanded by Gods lawe either to bowe the estate of single life, or to absteine from mariage. Therefore it is lawfull also for them, as for all other Christian men, to mary at their owne discretion, as they shall sudge the same to serve better to godsinesse.

33 Of excommunicate persons, howe they are to be anoyded.

That person which by open denunciation of the Church, is rightly cut offfrom the unitie of the Church, and excommunicated, ought to be taken of the whole multitude of the faithfull as an Heathen and Publicane, until he be openly reconciled by penance, and received into the Church by a

indge that hath authoritie thereto.

34 Of the traditions of the Church.

It is not necessarie that traditions and ceremonies be in all places one, or betterly like, for at all times they have bene divers, and may be chaunged according to the diversitie of Countries, times, and mens maners, so that nothing be ordeined against Gods word. Whosocuer through his private sudgement, willingly and purposely doeth openly breake the traditions a ceremonies of the Church, which be not repugnant to the worde of God, and be ordeined and approved by common authoritie: ought to be rebuked openly, (that other may seare to do the like) as he that offendeth against the common order of the Church, and hurtes the authoritie of the Nagistrate, and woundeth the consciences of the weake beethren.

Euery particular of nationall Church, hath authoritie to ordeine, change, and abolif ceremonies of tites of the Church ordeined onely by mans authoritie, so that all things be done to edifying.

35 Of Homilies.

The second booke of homilies, the severall titles whereof we have somed under this article, both contains a godly a wholesome doctrine, a necessary for these times, as doeth the former booke of homilies, which were set forth in the time of Co-ward the sixt: a therefore we sudge them to be read in Churches by the Ministers diligently, a distinct-ly, that they may be understanded of the people.

Of

Of the names of the Homilies.

1 Of the right vse of the Church.

Against perill of Idolatrie.

3 Of the repairing and keeping cleane of Churches.

4 Of good works, first of fasting.

5 Against gluttony and drunkennes.

6 Against excesse of apparel.

7 Of prayer.

8 Of the place and time of prayer.

That common prayers and Sacraments ought to be ministred in a knowen tongue.

10 Of the reuerent estimation of Gods word,

11 Of almes doing.

12 Of the Natiuitie of Christ.

13 Of the passion of Christ.

14 Of the resurrection of Christ.

15 Of the worthy receiving of the Sacrament of the body and blood of Christ.

16 Of the gyftes of the holy ghost.

17 For the Rogation dayes.

18 Of the state of Matrimonie.

19 Of repentance.

- 20 Against Idlenesse.
- 21 Against rebellion,

of Consecration of Bishops and

The booke of confectation of Archbyshops, and Bishops, and ordering of Priestes, and Beacons, lately set forth in the time of Edward the C.ii.

firt, and confirmed at the same time by authority of Parliament, doeth conteine all things necessary to such confictation and ordering: neither hath it any thing, that of it self is superstitions or bugodly. And therefore, whosever are conservated or ordered according to the rites of that booke, since the seconde pere of the aforenamed & Edward, but o this time, or hereafter shalks conservated or ordered according to the same rites, we decree all such to be rightly, or derly, and lawfully conservated and ordered.

7 Of the civil Magistrates.

The Ducenes Maiestic hath & chiefe power in this Realmo of England, and other her dominions, but o whom the chiefe government of al estates of this Realme, whether they be Ecclesia-stical or Civil, in al causes both appertaine, a is not, nor ought to be subject to any forraine jurisoiction.

nohere we attribute to parenes Maiestie the chiefe government, by which titles we inderstand the mindes of some slanderous folkes to be offended: we give not to our princes y ministring eyther of gods worde, or of Sacraments, the which thing the Iniunctions also lately set forth by Clizabeth our Ducene, doeth most plainely testise: But that onely prerogative which we see to have bene given alwayes to all godly Princes in holy Scriptures by God himselfe, that is, that they should rule all estates and vegrees committed to their change by God, whether they be Ecclesialicall or Temporal, and restance with the civils words the studburne

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The Bilhop of Rome hath no inculoiction in this Realme of England.

The lawes of the Realme may punish Christian men with death, for hernous a gricuous offences.

It is lawfull for Christian men, at the commandement of the Magistrate, to weare weapons, and serve in the warres.

38 Of Christian mens goods, which are

The riches a goods of Christians are not common, as touching the right, title, and possession of the same, as certaine Anabaptists do sallely boast. Notwithstanding enery man ought of such things as he possesses, liberally to give almost othe poore, according to his habilitie.

39 Of a Christian mans othe.

As we confeste that vaine and ratheswearing is forbidden christian men by our Lord Jesus Christ, and James his Apostle: So we mage that Christian religion both not prohibite, but that a man may sweare when h magistrate requireth, in a cause of faith a charitie, so it be done according to h prophets teaching, in instice, indocument, a trueth.

The Ratification.

His booke of Articles before rehearfed, is againe approued, and allowed to be holden and executed within the Realine, by the affent and confent of our Soueraigne Lady,

The Table.

Lady, Elizabeth by the grace of God, of Englande, France, and Ireland Queene, defender of the faith, &c. VVhich Articles were deliberately read, and confirmed againe by the subscription of the hand of the Archbyshop & Bishops of the vpper house, and by the subscription of the whole Cleargy in the neather house in their Conuocation, in the yeere of our Lorde God. 1571.

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